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### Sixth ACM computing convention gets under way at VIT

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Srinivas Padmanabhuni, vice president of ACM India, at the computing convention held at VIT University in Vellore on Thursday. VIT chancellor G. Viswanathan is in the picture.

The 6th Computing Convention of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) India has begun at VIT University here on Thursday.

The theme of the three-day convention is “Next Generation Computing Paradigms and Technologies.”

Inaugurating the event, Srinivas Padmanabhuni, vice president of ACM India and Associate vice president of Infosys Limited, Bangalore said, “ACM launched its focused India initiative as part of its drive to expand its global footprint in January 2010. The mission of ACM India, is to contribute to the Indian computing community, evolving own identity representing ACM and India and in the process become the voice of Indian computing community in research, academia, and profession.”

Raj Kumar Buyya, Professor, University of Melbourne, Australia in his address called upon the faculty and students to work towards creating a networked cluster of IT companies in and around Vellore by emulating leadership role of Stanford University which became a springboard for creating companies around itself.

“While India’s IT companies concentrate on software services, it is for the faculty and students to build applications and solutions for the Indian society, especially in the fields of agriculture, health, and social sectors using technical advancements such as cloud computing, image processing, data mining, and wireless sensors etc,” he said.

D. Janakiram, ACM Chennai Chapter Chairman and Professor of IIT-Madras said, “Mobile telephones are no longer mere communication devices as these also have computing capabilities which might be harnessed using distributed computing paradigms such as grid computing and now cloud computing. Computing has become just another utility available for the use of all sections of society.”

G. Viswanathan, Founder and Chancellor, VIT University, presided over the inaugural function.

R. Saravanan, Dean, School of Information Technology & Engineering and Organising Chair welcomed. E. Sathiyamoorthy Organising Secretary, proposed vote of thanks. V. Raju, Vice-Chancellor and Sekar Viswanathan, vice president of VIT, Professor H.R. Vishwakarma, convener of programme committee and G. Jagadeesh, convener, event management committee participated.

***Faculty, students asked to work towards creating a networked cluster of IT companies in and around Vellore***

***Applications for health, agriculture and social sectors can be built***

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